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For: CYTOPLASMIC GENE INHIBITION)
OR GENE EXPRESSION IN TRANSFECTED)
PLANTS BY TOBAVIRAL VECTOR)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the purpose updating the priority claim to reflect the issued patent number of the parent case of this divisional application.

In addition, corrections are made to the title of the application.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.